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VertsKebab – Where Turkish Meets Texas

Vertskebab restaurant will open early next summer at 8035 Spencer Highway in the new College Park Shopping Center Phase II (between Smashburger and Starbucks). A kebab is actually Europe's most popular street food with a combination of rotisserie meats and fresh veggies. Vertskebab restaurant was originated in Austin by two native Germans attending the University of Texas, and now just a few years later, over 1 million kebabs, wraps and salads have been sold to fans all over Austin, Houston, Dallas and San Antonio. From house-made sauces to fresh veggies and fries, their goal is to create a

fast meal that's as good for your body as it is for your taste buds. See their nutritious, simple and fresh salads, wraps and kebabs at www.vertskebab.com.

Azalea Creek Makes Food Easy!

Deer Park locals, Janet Broughton, Jason Broughton and Jaime Morris, have opened Azalea Creek Catering, which offers delicious catered dishes for any type or size of event including parties, meetings, open houses, etc. This family owned business offers delicious dishes made with only the finest of ingredients, making each meal truly enjoyable. For information, call Janet at (281) 381-1187 or email them at AzaleaCreek@gmail.com.



Bison – "The Other Red Meat"

The Health Nut at 2606 Center Street is now selling delicious Bison Burgers during lunch hours, and they have become quite the hit with the locals. Compared to beef, bison meat is lower in calories, higher in protein, and contains less saturated fat than chicken. Bison meat has the additional bonus of omegas due to their diet of grass, plus there are no hormone or antibiotic treatments since bison are free range. (Fun Fact: What is the difference between a Buffalo and a Bison? There is no difference, as both names refer to the same animal, and both are widely used and accepted in the United States.)



Brisket House Competes

Brisket House at 3217 Center St. has been chosen to compete in the “Houston BBQ Throwdown” featuring Houston’s best barbecue restaurants, competing to create the next great barbecue dish that represents Houston-style barbecue. The event is November 8 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St. Arnold’s Brewing Co., 2000 Lyons Avenue in Houston. Brisket House has already been recognized as possibly the best BBQ in Houston by *The Houston Press*. Pitmaster Wayne Kammerl smokes the meat each night for 15 hours with a combination of Oak and Pecan to give it a truly unique flavor. Call them at (281) 884-8058 or browse the menu at www.thebriskethouse.com.



Another Name for Lone Star Taco

Lone Star Taco at 3811 Center Street will soon change its name to Mighty Taco Co. because of a franchise issue. The core menu, however, will stay the same except for some minor name changes on taco plates in order to more easily identify them. For instance, The Green Horn taco will be renamed the Baja Shrimp Taco plate and the Davy Crockett will change to Fried Chicken Taco plate. These changes are expected to come in November.

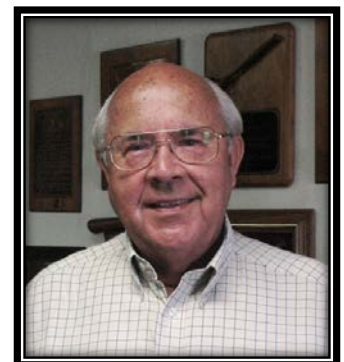
Congratulations to Mr. Electric

Brock Bihm, owner of the Mr. Electric Deer Park franchise, was recently honored with the Mr. Electric Top Gun Award. The award is presented to the franchisee who consistently sites in the top 10 percent of the Mr. Electric network, which includes almost 200 locations in several countries. Another award went to one of Brock’s employees, Steve Foltz, being named the organization’s Professional of the Year and beating out all Mr. Electric employees worldwide. Mr. Electric Deer Park offers expert electrical service for both residential and commercial repair and installation. Call them at (713) 477-1770.



Thanks, Wayne

Wayne Riddle Insurance is celebrating 33 years of being located at 110 W. Pasadena Blvd. in Deer Park (46 years in business, total). Their motto is “Serving Texans since 1969”, although he also has customers throughout Colorado and Louisiana. Wayne Riddle Insurance sells Auto, Home, Boat, Motorcycle, Motorhome, Commercial Auto, Life and Health insurance. Call and congratulate Wayne on his success at (281) 479-5248.



New Lil' Rascals Building – Almost Ready

Lil' Rascals Daycare will relocate to their new location at 4509 Center St. (across the street from Dabbs Elementary) by early November. The new 16,000 square foot facility will hold three times the number of children from their former location at 229 E. Vaughn Lane, but the larger space is already filling up with waiting lists for some of the classes. Call (281)479-5439 or visit Facebook's Lil Rascals Childcare.



CrossFit Deer Park celebrates its 4th Anniversary

As an affiliate of the national CrossFit, Inc. for the past 4 years, Deer Park native Scott Anderson's training facility is more than just a gym – it's a state of mind. CrossFit Deer Park is focused on helping people obtain true fitness. Their program is not about looking better or “losing weight”, though both are positive side effects of becoming fit. The program is about gaining physical capacity that enables you to enjoy a higher quality of life. They are located at 101 Arbor Dr. (near Center St. and just behind Simoniz Car Wash). Get ready for a life changing experience by calling (713) 530-1470 or visit www.crossfitdeerpark.com.

Orion Marine Relocates Office to Deer Park

Orion Marine recently opened an 11,000 square foot satellite office at 4440 Highway 225 in Deerwood Glen Business Park, relocating 45 employees from their former Fuqua Street location in Houston. Their main headquarters is located at Ellington Field. Orion Marine offers a wide range of services in marine construction, design and other services on, over and under the water. Visit www.orionmarinegroup.com.



Another New Office Building

Clay Development is currently constructing Deerwood Office Building Phase III. This 78,000 square foot, two-story office building is being constructed at 4440 Highway 225. Phase I is the Mustang Engineering building, constructed five years ago when the business park opened, and Phase II was completed last year. The Phase IV building is already in the planning stages. Each of these buildings is two-story and 78,000 square feet. There are rumors the Phase III building under construction already has a tenant for the entire space. Deerwood Glen Business Park, owned by Clay Development, is located on the south side of Highway 225, just east of Beltway 8. The 5-year-old, light industrial business park first opened with 150 available acres, but now has a high occupancy due to the strong industrial market and influx of new tenants. Contact Charlie at (713) 789-2529 for leasing information.



Spooktacular Event for Good Cause

Deer Park Animal Hospital and Spencer Animal Hospital will hold a family-friendly event benefitting Deer Park's New Dawn Pet Adoption Center. The event will include a Pet Halloween Costume contest, silent auction, raffles, games, booths, music and more. All the fun takes place at Deer Park's Ella and Friends Dog Park, 500 W. 13th St. (next door to the Jimmy Burke Community Center) on Wednesday, October 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Raffle tickets may be purchased at Deer Park Animal Hospital or Spencer Animal Hospital prior to the event, and you do not need to be present to win.



Bits & Pieces



- Taco Bell at 3421 Center Street has temporarily closed down. The building will be demolished and a new, more efficient Taco Bell will be constructed. They plan to have the new restaurant open before the end of the year.
- H-E-B has postponed their original opening date by one week. The store will now open on November 11 at 4700 East Blvd. (across the street from Walmart).
- Altar'd Market/Altar'd Design is now open in their new, much larger location at 122 W. San Augustine (former location of Curves).
- Atos Jiu Jitsu at 2826 Center Street has changed its name to CEV Athletics.
- San Jacinto College (on Spencer Highway) has approximately 15,000 students enrolled, 77% of which are the first in their family to attend college.
- Houston will host SuperBowl LI (that's 51) in 2017, as well as the 2016 NCAA Basketball Final Four. As part of its preparation, downtown Houston is seeing record-pace development of hotels. Downtown's hotel room count has grown from 1,800 in 2000 to 7,700 rooms when the SuperBowl kicks off in 2017. The premier project is the Marriott Marquis with 30 stories, 1,000 rooms, six restaurants, a Texas-shaped lazy river and situated on a 2.6 acre park next to the George R. Brown Convention Center. It will be completed by August 2016.
- Fun Texas Fact: Camels were imported into Texas twice in the 1850's by the U.S. War Department in the belief that they would be handy animals to use during the Indian Wars. They could be seen roaming Texas hills and deserts well into the 1920s.

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